

March 2006 Unified Program Newsletter

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California Environmental Protection Agency

13th Annual Cal/EPA Environmental Cross Media Enforcement Symposium

The Symposium will be held May 30-June 2, 2006 in San Diego, CA. Cal/EPA is offering a limited number of scholarships to this symposium. Funding for the scholarships is made possible by funds from the settlement of an enforcement case that were designated for enforcement training. These scholarships include registration fee, travel, hotel and per diem costs as allowed under state travel policies. The scholarships are available to state, local and tribal environmental enforcement staff only. To apply for a scholarship, please email the following information to Jami Ferguson at jferguso@calepa.ca.gov no later than Friday March 31, 2006. Late applications will not be accepted. Scholarship award notifications will be sent out by email as soon as possible after the application due date. Scholarships provide for reimbursement of expenses and the reimbursements take 6-8 weeks after the training event.

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Agency

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Supervisor's name

Supervisor's email address

Supervisor's phone number

Duties (particularly as they relate to enforcement)

Have you ever received a Cal/EPA Scholarship before? If so, when?

Did you attend the Symposium last year?

Have you ever attended the Symposium?

New Staff and Open Positions

We'd like to welcome Ms. Robbie Morris to the Unified Program office. Robbie comes to us from DTSC, where for the past five years she has worked successfully on many projects for the Schools Program out of the Cypress and San Diego offices. She is filling the Environmental Scientist vacancy and will be working on CUPA Evaluations and other program priorities. Robbie will start on March 27th and is a much welcomed addition to the team. We are also moving to fill the vacant Staff Environmental Scientist position left by the departure of John Paine to the Office of Homeland Security. The position advertisement and application information should be out in the next few weeks.

State as a CUPA Fee Regulation

The public comment period for the proposed permanent regulation establishing the fee structure for a state agency designated as a CUPA, closed on March 6, 2006. The final regulations are expected to be filed with the Office of Administrative Law by May 2006. For additional information, please go to: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/LawsRegs/>

Department of Toxic Substance Control

Standardized National Hazardous Waste Manifest

Manifest Regulations Moving Forward--New Form Required Starting September 5, 2006

Over 150 CUPA staff and industry representatives attended the Manifest Regulations session at the CUPA Conference in February. On February 27, 2006, the proposed regulation language was posted on the DTSC web page at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegsPolicies/Regs/Manifest_Changes_regs.cfm. That site also has links to the new manifest form, continuation sheet, instructions, and slides for the workshops to be held on March 13 and 15, 2006.

At the conference, many CUPA staff indicated interest in becoming trainers to pass this critical information on to their fellow regulators and staff and suggested that DTSC create a condensed version of the presentation geared toward generators. DTSC will be preparing a condensed version and will make it available as the regulations are completed. If your CUPA is interested in presenting internal or generator training, please contact Matt Peterson at mpeters2@dtsc.ca.gov. Questions about the regulations should be directed to Ann Carberry at acarberry@dtsc.ca.gov.

State Water Resources Control Board

New State Water Board Staff

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Amantha Henkel has accepted a position with the State Water Board UST Program's UST Enforcement Unit. Amantha previously worked as a chemist at an environmental laboratory in Arcata, California. Amantha has a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science. Please join us in welcoming Amantha, who can be reached at ahenkel@waterboards.ca.gov or 916-341-5551.

ICC CA UST Inspector Status Survey

In cooperation with the CUPA Forum Board, the State Water Resource Control Board is gathering statewide information on the number of local agency employees who are conducting UST inspections and possess an ICC CA UST Inspector certification. On February 1 we sent an email to the CUPA Single-Point of Contact (SPOC) requesting this information for their jurisdiction by February 28. UST Program Contact: John Elkins (jelkins@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5668).

Single-Walled UST Survey

On September 22, 2005, in cooperation with the CUPA Forum Board, we sent to the primary UST contact at each local agency a survey to gather information on the number of UST facilities with single-walled UST systems (SW tanks with SW piping, SW tanks with DW piping, and/or DW tanks with SW piping). Additionally, information was requested on the number of SW UST systems that serve as the only fueling location for large rural geographical areas. The preliminary survey results indicate that 11.5% of the facilities within California utilize some type of single-walled component. Of these facilities, 33.5% are owned by a small business.

UST Program Contact: John Elkins (jelkins@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5668).

Tank Tester Meeting

On March 1, 2006 a Committee appointed by the Division of Water Quality (Division) will meet pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 25284.4(c)(1)(B) and Title 23 California Code of Regulations Section 2731(d) to consider whether to recommend to the Division approval of a course of study

applicable to tank testing. The meeting will be held in the Sierra Hearing Room of the Cal/EPA Building in Sacramento. Copies of the proposed course of study to be considered by the Committee may be downloaded from the following Website: www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/ Please note that portions of the proposed study are not available to the public because they are exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act, Government Code section 6254(g). While members of the public may address the Committee orally, the Committee encourages written comments. Written comments on this item should be addressed and submitted to Leslie Graves by email at lgraves@waterboards.ca.gov by fax to (916) 341-5808 or by mail addressed to Leslie Graves, Chief, Office of Tank Tester Licensing, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 2231, Sacramento, CA 95812.

California UST Certifications

As of January 31, 2006, a total of 432 persons had obtained ICC UST Inspector Certificates. We recommend that, when an UST inspector signs UST facility inspection reports, the inspector also include his or her ICC UST Inspector Certificate number. Other ICC California UST programs: Designated UST Operators -3678; UST Service Technicians -846; UST Installers with a California address - 570. UST Program Contact: Laura Chaddock (lchaddock@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5870).

Office of Emergency Services

Hazardous Materials Incident Tool Kit

OES announces the Hazardous Materials Incident Tool Kit, which is intended to serve primarily as the state hazardous materials reference document. The tool kit information is divided into four parts: Introduction, Concept of Operations, Roles & Responsibilities, and Attachments; and may be useful to local, state, and federal agencies for hazardous materials preparedness, response, and recovery purposes. The tool kit is to supplement and NOT take the place of any existing plans. It is up on the OES Web Page. Take a look for yourselves at:

<http://www.oes.ca.gov/Operational/OESHome.nsf/LevelTwoWithNav?OpenForm&Key=Hazardous+Materials>

Business Plan, CalARP & Spill/Release Reporting Basic Training

OES is once again providing basic program training. This training is open to government and industry staff that are interested in learning the basics about the following:

- ~ Business Plan Program
- ~ California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) Program. Also called the Risk Management Program
- ~Hazardous Material Release/Spill Reporting Requirements

This free training will be held at the South Coast AQMD facility in Diamond Bar, California on March 29, 2006. The class is scheduled from 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM. To register, please email Michael Warren at Michael_Warren@oes.ca.gov or call 916-845-8772 before March 22, 2006.

The Unified Program Section is interested in your comments and suggestions regarding the monthly newsletter. Please provide comments and suggestions to cupa@calepa.ca.gov.

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